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Spring Break Aquatics Camp

April 22-26

Ready for another magnificently-fun Spring Break? Sea Base Director Chris Macy has arranged for a week-long day camp during Spring Break for Scouts to enjoy at the Sea Base. It’s sure to be a fun week of canoeing, kayaking, motorboating, sailing, rowing, fishing, and more.

Scout Executive’s Message

Scouts and Scouters: Happy 100 Years! Can you believe it? This year we are celebrating 100 years of Scouting in the greater Long Beach area. After years of planning, our centennial year of events is now underway. I hope your family will participate in as much as you can. I encourage you to do as much as you can during this centennial year before it flies by! Throughout this edition of the Scouters’ Key, you’ll find recollections from 2018 as well as upcoming activities in store for 2019. If you and your family truly enjoy Scouting, I would encourage you to reach out to friends and invite them to join your next campout, activity, or meeting. There are many youth who would love to participate -- if only someone would invite them to have fun some weekend.

Thank you for your continued support of our local Scouting program. It’s because of active and dedicated volunteers like you that we are able to have such a positive impact on the future generation of strong community-minded leaders.

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Camp Cards Build an Adventure

Parents: encourage your Scout to earn his/her way to camp by selling $5 camp cards. Earn $2.25 per card, plus additional prize incentives. There is a $5 coupon to make your money back right away.

The 2019 card will feature over $100 in immediate savings from Smart & Final, El Pollo Loco, Legoland, Big S Sporting Goods, Dickey’s BBQ, Medieval Times, Johnny Rebs, Carl’s Jr., Six Flags, K1, Skyzone, and more! Selling for only $5, the cards are a super-easy sell for any Scout.

Easy to carry, durable, and won’t melt or spoil. Raise money for camp, offset summer costs, and buy much needed equipment by selling camp cards. In addition to lasting memories of summer camp, your Scout can learn self-confidence, overcome shyness, and improve interpersonal communication skills. Sales period open now through June 1. No training necessary, just pick up and start selling! See more info online at longbeachbsa.org/campcards

Summer Camp Fun

Camp Tahquitz
Adventures await…Camp Tahquitz is the place to be this summer. Enjoy a 40-foot climbing wall; learn to feed and ride horses; shoot archery, bb-guns, and shotguns in a controlled, safe environment; learn lifesaving techniques; stitch leather goods; and stargaze at night.

Choose from over 40 merit badges to earn during your week-long stay. Epic campfires, good food, the legendary tribe of Tahquitz, a new outpost camp, and a revamped wrangler program will have you wanting to stay an extra week! Check out longbeachbsa.org/tahquitz/summer

Sea Base Aquatics Camp
The most popular destination for youth during the summer. We invite you to enjoy the cool breeze and super-fun atmosphere at the Long Beach Sea Base Aquatics Center this summer. Offering eight weeks of camp.

Choose from half day or full day sessions. Earn up to four merit badges per week. Join over 700 other Scouts who LOVE the summer aquatics camp.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Cub Scout Day Camp
Theme 2019 — “Under the Sea”!
Planning is well under way for this year’s Day Camp. Day Camp is a weeklong camp for cub scouts ages 6-1/2. The camps consist of 5 sections in a round-robin type setup. Some of the sections could include Science, Woodworking, Sports, Arts and Crafts, and Archery. The times and locations vary amongst the camps but all end by 3:00pm. All day camps are run by volunteers. We are currently forming teams of volunteers so if you’re interested please contact Henry or Liz at the Scout office for more information.

We are offering three weeks during Summer 2019:

Week 1: June 17-21 — Week 2: TBD — Week 3: TBD

More info at longbeachbsa.org/daycamp

Spring Training Classes
March 16 – Leader Specific Training
March 18 – Den Chief Training
March 29-30 – Outdoor Leader Specific Training
April 20 – Commissioner Basic Training
May 18 – Trainer’s EDGE
June 8 – BSA Aquatics Supervision: Swimming & Water Rescue
June 14-16 & 21-23 – NVLT

Spring Sailing Season
Announcing Saturday-only sailing classes designed to teach sailing skills, proficiency and theory as well as rules of the road and safety. Part classroom instruction by highly-trained staff with mostly on-the-water coaching while you practice and drill utilizing our fleet of Sabots, Lidos and F.J.s. The 10-week season will culminate with a regatta to compete using your new skills.

Learn more at longbeachbsa.org/sea/base/aquatics

75 Eagle Scouts in 2018
Eagle Scout is the highest advancement rank in Boy Scouting. Only six percent of all Boy Scouts will earn this honor. These young men progressed through seven ranks and earned at least 21 merit badges. Most of them did far more. Eagle Scouts are recognized worldwide as people of outstanding character by universities, their communities, and by industry leaders.

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Looking for Scouts to help at the Grand Prix of Long Beach. Time slots available online. Help with ushering duties (seating and providing info). Adults are also invited to participate. For assisting, you will receive full access to the race, lunch, and more! Dates: Sat. April 13th and/or Sun. April 14th 9AM – 4PM Class-A uniform

Signups and more information at longbeachbsa.org/grandprix

Pinewood Derby Championships
The 5th Annual Championship Race is coming around on Saturday, May 4th at the Lakewood Mall from 8:30am-10:00am. For the third year running, the 2018 Champion was Cole M. from Pack 206! How can you participate? Hold a pinewood derby race in your own Pack before March 31st, 2019. Send us the names of the top three (3) cars in your Pack (regardless of Den), wait for race-day invitations for the top two in each pack, and show up on May 4th.

Rules posted online for both races at longbeachbsa.org/derby

Scouting History Month
Come check out the upcoming display at the Historical Society of Long Beach (HSLB), “The History of Scouting in Long Beach area.” The display will be hosted at the HSLB gallery at 4260 Atlantic Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90807.

The gallery is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 1-5 pm, Thursday 1-7 pm and Saturday 11-5 pm. And the best part is, admission is free! The display celebrates the Centennial of the Long Beach Area Council, 1919-19.

Join us for the opening reception on Friday, April 5th during “First Fridays” evening.

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2019-19 Tribe of Tahquitz Officers
Chief – Jason Millett
Little Chief – Josh E. Banfield
Medical Man – Tyler Lansdale
Mountain Man – Trent Stradley
Keeper of the Tally – Charlie Benedict

2018-19 OA Officers
Chief - Ray Espinoza
Vice-Chief Program - Anthony Moreno
Assistant Program - Matthew Hua
Assistant Secretary - Dustynn Schellenberg
Treasurer - Johnathan Garcia

Family Camp at Tahquitz – May 24-27
A special Memorial Day Weekend to get away. Enjoy a few days at camp, removed from the hurly of city-life. Parents, we invite you to bring your Scouts, family, and friends to camp at our very own Camp Tahquitz in the beautiful San Bernardino Mountains. A short 2-hour drive from the Long Beach area.

During this campout, we intentionally plan down-time! Camp and relax at your own pace. All participants provide their own tents and prepare their own meals.

Choose from activities including astronomy, fishing, hiking, local nature, mountain biking, archery, bb gun range, Indian Lore, crafts, skits, songs, campfires, and more! See info at longbeachbsa.org/familycamp

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